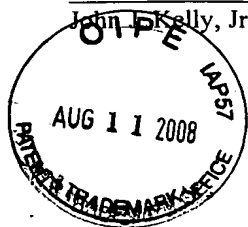


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SOFTENING RESISTANCE OF WELD HEAT AFFECTED ZONE AND  
METHOD OF PRODUCTION OF SAME

**REPLY**

SIR:

This Request For Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2008 and the Advisory Action mailed June 26, 2008.

Please enter the unentered amended claims of the Amendment Under Rule 116 filed May 19, 2008 (Certificate of Mailing dated May 12, 2008) and consider the amended claims on the merits. The arguments for patentability of the amended claims set forth in the Amendment Under Rule 116 filed May 19, 2008 are incorporated herein by reference.

A copy of the Amendment Under Rule 116 filed May 19, 2008 (Certificate of Mailing dated May 12, 2008) is attached hereto for the convenience of the Examiner.

A petition for an extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2008 accompanies this Request For Continued Examination (RCE).

An Information Disclosure Statement is also being submitted.

**CONCLUSION**

An action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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